

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JULY 24, 2001

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and by published call July 24, 2001 in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Hartman

Invocation was given by Pastor Todd Bowen with covenant Presbyterian Church.

ROLL CALL: Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. 5a Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with AZ Environmental LLC for South Locust Project
2. 5b Accept the committee recommendation to set the public hearing for the UPRR Railroad Crossing Project and Road Closing for August 28 at 10:00 a.m.
3. 6 Accept and place on file the Keno Audit
4. 7 Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the 2001-2002 Handi Bus
5. 15 Approve the final plat for Poverty plats Subdivision
6. 15 a Approve the proposed redistricting plan for Hall County Supervisors
7. 15b Approve the Conditional Use Permit for Illinois PCS
8. 23 Accept and Place on file the office reports from Emergency Management, Register of Deeds Clerk of the District Court and the Public Defender
9. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT JUNE 2001

FEES & INTEREST ON ACT #2-200-4	\$3,264.11
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	1.58
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #7-394-6	5,355.05
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #300-896-0	6.48

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DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 8,939.68
RECORDING FEES	24,852.00
PHOTO FEES	590.80

Chairman Hartman stated that item 13 Discuss and Approve Resolution Regarding South Central Law Enforcement Services was to be tabled and item 4a Executive Session for Real Estate Negotiations was also to be tabled.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Hartman called for public participation and no one responded.

4a DISCUSS AND APPROVE CHAIR TO SIGN LETTER REGARDING FACILITY FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT: A draft of the letter concerning the health department building was included and Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize chair to sign the letter and it will be delivered to the Health Department. Eriksen stated that he would like to see two items added to the letter, that the county would demolish the existing building for parking and he would like to have the board consider a change concerning the renovation of the building. He would like to propose that the county share on an equal basis up to \$289,000.00 for the remodeling. Discussion was held on the funds. The amount quoted was an estimate that was submitted by RDG. It was suggested that the county would pay for half of the cost or to include the city and divide the cost in thirds. The county will work with the health department but they do not want to pursue purchasing another building when the county attorney building could be used. Mr. Eriksen stated that it is only fair the county let the health board know where they stand. The vote was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. Mr. Eriksen will hand deliver the letter to the Health Board.

Lancaster amended her motion for consent agenda and Jeffries seconded to add item 5c Authorize the Chair to sign the engineering agreements on the box culverts and asphalt Projects C40 314, 316, 317 and 320 and C40 215 and 318. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

#8 ELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING VACANCY OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER: The election committee's recommendation was included in with a packet of information regarding this item. A sample of the ad was also included and all that is necessary is to set the dates for the ad to run. It was recommended to run the ads Wednesday, Sunday and Sunday over a ten-day period and have the deadline August 10th. The committee feels that it will be best to fill this position the way it is set up now and at the end of the term they would like to have it become a full time position with possible additional duties. The board has not determined what those additional duties will be at this time. Lancaster made a motion and Eriksen seconded to accept the committee recommendation to advertise for the position of election commissioner and the committee will set the dates for the ad to run. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE PIPING PLOVER: Eriksen stated that the US Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to designate 500 miles of rivers in Nebraska as critical habitat. He stated that the service has not provided enough information to the public to make a good decision. This designation could have serious ramifications on the rivers could restrict irrigation and other uses on Nebraska rivers. This resolution only states that we protest this decision

and want more information. Hartman had a call concerning this and the birds have been sited other in places and the constituent stated he does not feel that it was necessary to do this. Logan stated that there is a process that has to be followed according to the endangered species and critical habitat regulations and the regulations will have to be followed. Eriksen stated that to protect our interest, we need to go on record that we want additional information. Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve Resolution #01-0042 protesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to designate Critical Habitat for the Piping Plover. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and Logan voted no. Motion carried.

10 ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE SETTLEMENT OF THE HALL COUNTY TREASURER WITH THE HALL COUNTY BOARD

11a APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 2-YEAR TAX SALES

11b APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 5-YEAR TAX SALES

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept and place on file the Settlement of the Hall County Treasurer with the Hall County Board, approve resolution # 01-0040 for the 2-Year Tax Sales and approve resolution #01-0041 for the 5-year tax sales. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

15a Regional Planning Director Chad Nabity was present and spoke to the board concerning the redistricting plan for Hall County. The committee of supervisors met several times to go over the plan. Mr. Nabity stated that Chris Bushkohl was instrumental in putting the redistricting map together. The committee tried to achieve the ideal number of persons per district. They tried not to split census blocks and they followed major streets and landmarks. They did not split voting districts, so voters would not have a township and city ballot. Lancaster made a motion and Logan seconded to accept the new county supervisor-redistricting plan. . Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chad Nabity also presented the board members with a letter requesting that the board choose one elected official to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The committee will be comprised of one member from Grand Island, Wood River, Cairo, Doniphan, Alda and Hall County, three Planning Commission Members Chad Nabity, Steve Riehle, Marlan Ferguson and a Nebraska Department of Roads Representative. The committee will meet to discuss hiring a consultant. Chairman Hartman appointed Bud Jeffries and himself to serve on the committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Dan Harries of Grand Island requested to speak to the county board. He stated he is has taught school for many years and he would like to go on record to keep Old Engine 69 at Stuhr Museum. He encouraged to board to check attendance at Stuhr when the train was running. He has also written a letter encouraging starting the train again. Hartman added that maybe the county board could consider seed money for the train project.

12 COMMENCE AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS. The board members reviewed the claims and Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT: Board assistant Stacey Ruzicka requested the board members to turn in their personal evaluations and reminded them of a computer committee meeting August 3.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS: Logan stated that he has been here every day attending board of equalization and budget meetings.

Jeffries – He stated that the public works committee met concerning the closing of the railroad crossing and the railroad wants the county to contribute in pay for the gates they want the county to pay \$20,000.00 for the lights and gates. The committee will submit a report.

Lancaster – She stated she has been here every day for the board of equalization and budget meetings.

Arnold – He stated his meeting was cancelled because he was attending the board of equalization and budget meetings.

Humiston – He stated he was here attending the board of equalization and budget meetings.

Eriksen – He attended the Health Board meeting and the board of equalization and budget meetings.

Hartman – He has been here every day and he stated that he feels that the board took some good action in the board of equalization meeting.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Hartman called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be August 14, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

Reminder: The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.